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CONGRATULATIONS
to
Sri M. Rajendra

On being elected as Hon. President of Karnataka State Hotel Association ®, Bangalore

Eight years as the President of Mysuru District Hotel Owners Association and four years as the President of Karnataka State Hotel Association, M. Rajendra, took the 75-year-old Karnataka State Hotel Association (KSHA) to new heights by travelling across 30 districts in the State and encouraging the President and office-bearers of all the district associations.

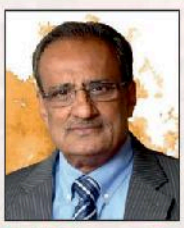
A milestone was created in the history of the Hotel Association, by inviting the Chief Minister and former Chief Minister to Athitya Ratna and 16th State-level conference held at Hubli, successfully organised on a grand scale.

The Karnataka State Hotel Association got more honour and energy, with the initiatives of M. Rajendra, by resolving many issues related to various departments.

Hearty congrats again for re-electing **M. Rajendra** as President of Karnataka State Hotel Association.

Best wishes from:

Happy Sankranti to All



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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Wednesday 14th January 2026

Vid. R. Raghu performs

on penultimate day of Ch. Hill Kotharotsava

Vid. R. Raghu from Mysuru presenting a Karnatak Classical Vocal Concert at Chamundi Hill Temple premises last evening as part of 'Kotharotsava Vaibhava' music programme. He is accompanied by Vid. H.S. Thandavamurthy on violin, Vid. Kumarswamy on mridanga and Vid. Jagadish on morching. Today (Jan. 14), there will be Goshti Gayana from senior and junior musicians of Mysuru between 6 pm and 9 pm.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

LOHRI - LET DARKNESS VANISH: *Lohri is a very significant religious and cultural festival celebrated across North India. Offering thanksgiving to the Sun God, Lohri heralds the end of the dark, dreary winters and the beginning of warm days. It also signifies cleansing oneself of inner darkness and seeing the light of divinity. Anthropologically, it is related to the agricultural calendar. It heralds the harvesting of Rabi crops. It is linked to the solar calendar, said Prof. Kumool Abbi. It marks the movement of the Sun from Makar (Capricorn) to the north, signifying the last day of the month of Paush. A bonfire is lit and oblations are offered to the sacred fire. Sesame, peanuts, popcorn, puffed rice and jaggery are offered.*

The fire is considered to be alive and pure. A solemnisation of marriage or the birth of a male child is celebrated. The festival of Lohri signifies abundance, bounty, prosperity, fertility, symbolising joy, brightness, warmth, continuity, copiousness; above all, it is a celebration of community spirit.

Lohri is a precursor to the festivals of Maghi, Pongal and Bihu throughout India. The Sikh religion commemorates the sacrifice of 40 muktas and the Maghi Mela at Muktsar. Lastly, the festival of Lohri invokes many legends, the most popular being the one linked to Punjab's Robin Hood, Dulla Bhatti; an outlaw during the reign of Akbar, he is credited with saving the honour of two Hindu Brahmin girls and got them married on Lohri. The sight of children going around homes, chanting Sundri Mundri ho, tera kaun vichara ho, Dulla Bhatti wala ho, asking for Lohri, is an integral part of the Punjab folklore.— In The Hindu

NEWS SPARKLERS

Olive tree has been around 3,000 years

Ano Vouves: The village of Ano Vouves, on the Greek island of Crete, is home to the world's oldest living olive tree, an ancient natural wonder that still produces olives every year.

Its massive trunk, which has a circumference of 12.5 meters (41 feet) and a diameter of 4.6 meters (15 feet), looks like an intricate structure, but what's really intriguing is that this natural sculpture is ever-changing.

The exact age of the olive tree of Vouves cannot be determined because its heartwood rotted away centuries ago. Tree ring analysis has shown the tree to be at least 2,000 years old, but scientists at the University of Crete estimate the tree to be around 4,000 years old.

The olive tree of Vouves attracts around 20,000 visitors a year to western Crete and is a protected natural monument.

Tourists follow GPS system, get stuck

Ordino: GPS navigation systems are undoubtedly one of the wonders of modern life, but every now and then, they can mess things up spectacularly for users, leaving them in situations that they would never find themselves in. Case in point, three Taiwanese ladies who wound up on a ski slope in an European country of Andorra, after following the GPS system.

Photos of a black Mercedes stuck at the snow-covered slope, next to a snow cannon, have been doing rounds on social media, because of the cautionary tale behind them.

Thankfully, no one was injured and the three female tourists even posed for a picture next to their rented car before being rescued. Getting the car back on the road was a complex operation that required three metal cranes and over three hours of work.

HEALTH CAPSULE

What are the types of Urticaria ?

- Acute urticaria: less than 6 weeks
- Chronic urticaria: more than 6 weeks

(usually not food allergy related)

By Dr. Ravi S - Consultant – Dermatologist
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LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

KPR Hyundai launches Hyundai Prime Taxi Car

KPR Hyundai, a leading automotive dealership under the KPR Group, launched the new Hyundai Prime Taxi Car on Jan. 12 at KPR Hyundai Showroom in Hinkal, Hunsur Road, Mysuru, in the presence of B.S. Prashanth, President, Mysuru Travels Association (MTA); Ravi of Mysore Maxi Cab Organisation; V.J. Hemanth, Managing Director of KPR Hyundai, V.J. Koushik, C.A. Jayakumar of MTA and Rakesh from Hyundai Motors India Limited.

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Yesterday's level **123.36 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,275.74 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,829.00 feet**
Today's Inflow **795 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **568 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **286 cusecs**
Today's Outflow **2,803 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **500 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **200 cusecs**

REALLY...?

- *House cats hate water, but wild cats like to swim and are quite good at it.*
- *A Cheetah is the fastest land animal, reaching speeds over 60 miles per hour and can pump out as many as four strides per second at top speed.*
- *Cheetahs can accelerate faster than most cars!*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Teacher: *What should you do to make a slow-minded person to laugh at a joke?*
Sandy: *Tell him the joke two days in advance!!*

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Tarmac Talks

'CM chair' battle lands on Mysore Airport runway

Rahul Gandhi speaks to CM and Dy.CM separately, invites both to Delhi after Sankranti: Sources

Mysuru, Jan. 14 (BLU&BCT)- Amid the ongoing "Chief Minister's chair battle" in Karnataka, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar held separate conversations with Congress leader Rahul Gandhi at the Mysore Airport yesterday.

The brief but private exchanges, which took place on the Airport tarmac, have triggered intense curiosity in State political circles.

Shivakumar reached the Airport early and held a private, three-minute conversation with Gandhi on the tarmac. Siddaramaiah joined them moments later and Rahul Gandhi held separate talks with Siddaramaiah.

Though the contents of the discussions are not in the public domain, speculation has been rife, particularly in the backdrop of the leadership change issue and the proposal for a Cabinet reshuffle.

However, insiders who were present at Mysore Airport when Rahul Gandhi arrived told *Star of Mysore* that the interactions with both the Chief Minister and the Deputy Chief Minister were brief and that no substantive discussion on the leadership issue took place.

Together on arrival, separate on departure

Mysuru, Jan. 14 (BLU&BCT)- In a telling moment amid the Congress leadership tussle, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar, who had flown together from Bengaluru to Mysuru to receive Rahul Gandhi, took separate routes on their return.

Though the official itinerary had both leaders scheduled to fly back to Bengaluru on the same special aircraft, Siddaramaiah boarded the flight alone before Rahul Gandhi's departure to Delhi. Shivakumar, departing from the original plan, left the Airport, visited K.C. Layout on some work and later drove back to Bengaluru by road, sources said.

This divergence, following visible tension at the Airport earlier in the day, has further fuelled speculation of strain between the two senior Congress leaders. For political observers, Mysore Airport became a stage where the party's internal power struggle played out in public view.

Delhi after Sankranti

According to sources, Rahul Gandhi told both Siddaramaiah and Shivakumar: "Now is not the time or occasion to discuss the leadership issue, as there is an absolute lack of time. Come to New Delhi after Sankranti, and we will discuss it in detail."

These remarks by the party's top leader have fuelled speculation that some political developments in Karnataka may take shape after Sankranti.

Rahul Gandhi arrived at the Mysore Airport from Delhi yesterday afternoon, where he was received by Siddaramaiah and D.K. Shivakumar.

Due to time constraints, he soon boarded a waiting helicopter and flew to Gudalur in Tamil Nadu to attend the Golden Jubilee celebrations of St. Thomas English High School.

(See TARMAC TALKS on page 4)

Holiday

Our offices will remain closed tomorrow on account of ***Makara Sankranti.*** Hence, there will be no issue of ***Star of Mysore*** dated **15.1.2026.**

Greetings

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Tarmac Talks

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Returns by evening

By evening, Rahul Gandhi returned to the Airport, where several party leaders and workers had assembled to see him off to Delhi. As he alighted from the helicopter, Dy.CM Shivakumar stepped forward to welcome him and appeared to raise an issue. While walking and conversing, Rahul Gandhi reached the spot where other leaders were waiting, greeted them, and moved ahead.

CM Siddaramaiah and Shivakumar followed him, and for a brief while, all three were seen in consultation. Soon after, Rahul Gandhi drew CM aside for a separate discussion, with Shivakumar standing behind.

Observers felt Siddaramaiah appeared to be raising an important issue and was seemingly justifying his position, while Rahul Gandhi responded with a reassuring gesture by placing his hand on the Chief Minister's back. Meanwhile, Shivakumar stood by with folded hands, watching the exchange.

Parley with Shivakumar

After this interaction, Siddaramaiah left for Bengaluru on a special flight. Rahul then held another brief private discussion with Shivakumar, which lasted for about five to six minutes.

From Shivakumar's gestures and tone, observers felt he was pressing his leadership claim and attempting to convince Rahul Gandhi.

Eventually, Rahul Gandhi appeared to convey a message to Shivakumar before departing for Delhi on a special flight.

Warm welcomes, cold signals at Rahul's Mysuru stopover

Mysuru, Jan. 14 (BCT)- Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's brief stop in Mysuru yesterday was marked by ceremonial welcomes and subtle signals of divergence among Karnataka's top leadership.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah received him with a bouquet and presented a replica of the Mysore Palace, while Energy Minister K.J. George gifted a miniature elephant. Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar also welcomed Rahul Gandhi with a bouquet.

After Rahul Gandhi left for Tamil Nadu, Siddaramaiah and Shivakumar walked out of the Airport together. Siddaramaiah was accorded a ceremonial guard of honour, which Shivakumar was seen observing closely.

However, when Siddaramaiah moved towards the press gallery to address media persons, Shivakumar quietly left the venue. Later, Siddaramaiah returned to his residence at T.K. Layout, while Shivakumar checked into the Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel.

When Rahul Gandhi returned from Gudalur in the evening, both Siddaramaiah and Shivakumar were present at the Airport, but they bid him farewell separately before proceeding to Bengaluru by different routes.

The sequence of events has further fuelled speculation about the uneasy equation between the Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and his deputy.

MP Yaduveer urges HDK to establish EV cluster in Mysuru

Mysuru, Jan. 14 (BCT)- Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar has appealed to Union Heavy Industries Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy (HDK) to establish an automobile and Electric Vehicle (EV) production cluster in Mysuru, citing the city's strategic advantages and strong potential for industrial growth.

During a meeting with the Union Minister, Yaduveer submitted a memorandum seeking priority attention for the comprehensive development of Mysuru.

He pointed out that Mysuru enjoys excellent connectivity to Bengaluru, Chennai and Kerala through National Highways and rail networks, and is also linked to the international airports at Bengaluru and Kannur.

The MP said that setting up an automobile and EV manufacturing hub in Mysuru would be highly beneficial, given the city's robust educational ecosystem, which includes engineering colleges, polytechnics and research institutions that provide skilled technical manpower.

He also highlighted the availability of land, relatively low congestion, high quality of life and an industry-friendly environment.

Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Wadiyar submitting a memorandum to Union Heavy Industries Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy recently.

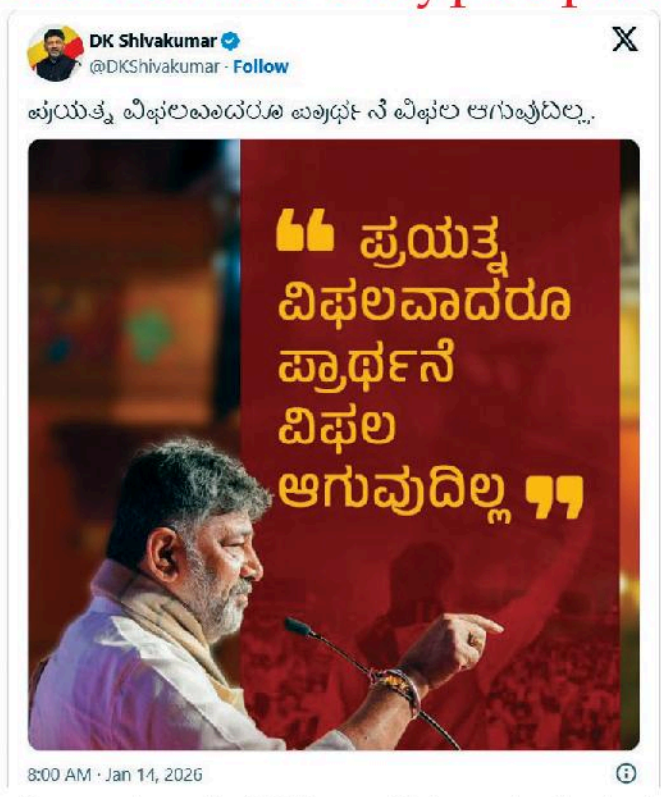
According to Yaduveer, an automobile and EV cluster in Mysuru would significantly boost industrial growth and generate thousands of direct and indirect employment opportunities for youth. It would also promote the growth of ancillary industries such as auto components, batteries, electronics and logistics.

He added that the proposal aligns with the BJP-led Government's priorities under the Make in India and Atmanirbhar Bharat initiatives, as well as the push for the EV sector.

Yaduveer urged Kumaraswamy to make a decision in favour of establishing a major industrial cluster in Mysuru.

Efforts may fail, prayers will not

Shivakumar's cryptic post



Mysuru, Jan. 14 (BCT)- Amid intense discussion over a possible change of Chief Minister in Karnataka, Deputy Chief Minister and State Congress President D.K. Shivakumar shared a cryptic post.

The post, shared on X this morning at 8, read: "Efforts may fail, but prayers never fail."

The post has assumed significance amid strong speculation that the Congress high command may summon both Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Shivakumar after Sankranthi to resolve the leadership issue.

Shivakumar's camp is said to be hopeful of positive developments. According to sources close to him, Rahul Gandhi had assured Shivakumar not to worry and indicated that he would be called to Delhi soon. Encouraged by this assurance, Shivakumar shared the cryptic message, the sources said.

Congress insiders suggest that a decisive meeting on the leadership issue could take place by the end of this month.

MUDA site scam

Court reserves order on Lokayukta Cops B-report for Jan. 22

Bengaluru, Jan. 14 (Agencies)- The Special Court for Elected Representatives, has reserved the order on Lokayukta Police filing B- report (Closure Report) over the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) site scam, in which Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, his wife B.M. Parvathi, are named as accused, for Jan. 22.

The Lokayukta Police had filed the B-report, citing lack of evidences against Siddaramaiah and other accused in the case. Right to Information (RTI) activist Snehamayi Krishna, had appealed to the Court, questioning the grounds of filing B-report in the case.

Special Public Prosecutor (SPP) Venkatesh Arabatti, who appeared on behalf of Lokayukta in the Court yesterday, submitted the details of the case.

Arabatti apprised the Court that the Lokayukta Police had subjected 70 witnesses to enquiry, neither of whom corroborated the charges of Chief Minister misusing his power nor influencing the course of investigation.

After examining the report from all the angles, the Investigating Officer (IO) has submitted the B- report.

Snehamayi Krishna, who was present at the Court as the litigant, submitted written arguments before the Court.

The Court, after hearing arguments and counter arguments, reserved its order for Jan. 22, after going through the complexities related to the case.

VOICE OF THE READER

Open drain near school is a blot on 'Clean City'

Sir,

This is regarding an open drain which is flowing into an open space where hundreds of people walk every day and also, there is a school adjacent to it. This is near the under-bridge on KRS Road, close to Mandovi Motors.

Kids of that school are finding it very difficult to sit in class because of foul smell and the sight of it is very disgusting. Looks like the drainage is coming from the hotel behind the school.

We are all responsible citizens of this country and we have always had a pride that *Namma Mysuru* is a clean city. But things like this are a big black mark on the city's beauty.

Hope the MCC, which is gearing up for Swachh Survekshan, will look into it and solve the problem at the earliest.

—Dr. Manjula Appanna
Mysuru
5.1.2026

MGP gets new President

The new office-bearers and Executive Committee (EC) Members of Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP) for the year 2026-29 were elected at the polls held at the MGP Office in Yadavagiri on Jan. 11. Seen are (from left) Ashvini Ranjan (Vice-President), Maj. Gen. (Retd.) S.G. Vombatkere (EC Member), Ravichandra Bekal (EC Member), Roy Joseph (President), T.R. Ravindran (EC Member), S.K. Dinesh (Working President), Prabha Nandish (Hon. Secretary), Geetha Velumani (EC Member), Ravishankar Bale (Hon. Treasurer) and Dr. Bhamy V. Shenoy (Founder-Member). The elections were held for the 7 posts with K.A. Siddalingappa as Returning Officer and Dr. K. Shankaregowda as Assistant Returning Officer. Out of the 790 eligible MGP voters, 203 exercised their franchise between 3 pm and 6 pm and the total poll percentage was 25.70%. Counting of votes was taken up between 6.15 pm and 9 pm the same day.

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MRC membership election on Mar. 30

Mysuru, Jan. 14- The Mysore Race Club (MRC) Limited will hold elections to fill the five membership vacancies in the Club on Mar. 30. Applications will be issued on Jan. 19 and the last date for filing of the applications is Feb. 13 up to 5.30 pm.

The last date for withdrawal of applications is Feb. 18 by 5.30 pm. The membership election will be held through secret ballot on Mar. 30 between 10 am and 5 pm, according to a press release from MRC Secretary and CEO.

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THE LIGHTER SIDE

By Dr. R. Balasubramaniam

Master of the Mall, but buyer of nothing

Most of us have seen this person and many of us have been this person at some point. They enter a mall with time on hand and clarity of intent, though that intent has nothing to do with spending money. The visit is deliberate. The wallet stays closed. The objective is to be inside without participating in consumption.

In many Indian cities, the mall has become a shared civic space rather than a shopping destination. It offers relief from heat, congestion and the uncertainty of roads. During summer afternoons, when the sun presses down and travel feels effortful, the mall provides air conditioning, predictable lighting and the freedom to walk without negotiating traffic.

The window shopper chooses this time carefully. Early afternoon or early evening works best. Parking decisions are thought through in advance, with a preference for spots that allow a quick exit and minimal interaction.

Once inside, movement is steady and unhurried. The window shopper does not rush but also does not linger without reason. They stop at displays, look closely and move on. Occasionally they speak, often quietly, sometimes to a companion and sometimes to themselves. The comments are neutral. This design has been repeated. The price does not match the material. The colour will not last long. Sales staff approach and the interaction follows a familiar script. A question or two is asked. Information is received. Gratitude is expressed. Commitment is avoided.

In clothing stores, items are examined carefully and returned to their place. Sizes are discussed as a matter of curiosity rather than intent. Labels are read. Washing instructions are noted. Trial rooms are entered only when unavoidable and even then the outcome is known in advance.

In electronics stores, the window shopper becomes more engaged.

Specifications are discussed in detail. Battery life, service coverage, warranty conditions and update policies are all raised. The staff responds patiently. The shopper listens, nods and says they will decide later. Later rarely arrives.

Over time, a route develops. Restrooms are chosen with care, usually those away from entrances and crowds. Benches are selected based on airflow and distance from noise. Escalators become part of the routine, used repeatedly as a substitute for walking outdoors. Elevators are avoided unless elders are present. These choices are not random. They are refined over multiple visits.

Food courts are treated with restraint. Menus are read fully, prices are compared and portions are assessed. Often no food is ordered. When it is, one item is shared, usually something familiar and filling. Water refills are used fully. Seating time is extended. People watching fills the gaps. Groups of students taking photos, families negotiating purchases with children and office colleagues continuing work discussions on a weekend all become part of the background.

The window shopper is sometimes alone but often accompanied. The companion may begin the visit with expectations. Over time, those expectations soften. Fatigue sets in. The companion sits while the window shopper completes another circuit. Conversations repeat themselves. Should we buy it. Let us check elsewhere. Not today. Eventually, the companion understands that the process itself is the purpose.

Seasonal changes do not alter behaviour. During the monsoon, the mall offers dry floors and predictable movement. During festival periods, decorations are examined with care. Prices are compared with neighbourhood markets. Photos are taken and shared on family groups with brief comments asking whether something looks excessive or unnecessary. The tone remains cautious.

Promotions rarely succeed. Discount signs are read in full. Conditions are understood. Minimum purchase thresholds are calculated and dismissed. Cashback offers are seen as deferred spending rather than savings. Loyalty points are treated as future obligations. Credit card schemes are acknowledged and ignored. The window shopper believes that not spending is the most reliable form of control.

There is also accumulated knowledge. Which counters process bills quickly. Which staff members allow space. Which exits reduce delays. Which times avoid crowds. This knowledge is built slowly and used quietly. It is rarely shared unless asked.

Technology supports the routine. Prices are checked online. Reviews are scanned. QR codes are scanned as well. Contest wheels are spun. Coupons are collected and forgotten. Email addresses are entered and ignored. The phone remains active. The transaction does not.

Occasionally, something changes. The price aligns with the need. The fit works. The purchase makes sense. There is a pause, followed by calculation. Household expenses are considered. Upcoming commitments are recalled. Approval is given. The item is bought without ceremony. Payment is made. The bag is carried briefly. The moment passes.

So, here's to the Eternal Window Shopper, the unsung hero of the modern Indian mall. They may not boost GDP, but they can convert a Sunday afternoon into a disciplined audit of retail ambition. And they will leave with exactly what they came for — serenity, steps and a parking ticket miraculously stamped.

And no, they do not need a bag. They did not buy anything.

[Dr. R. Balasubramaniam is the Founder of Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement. 'The Lighter Side' is a series of satirical articles meant to bring a smile by highlighting the funny side of everyday life.]

Feed them in your own house: SC on stray dogs

Should we shut our eyes? Who is responsible when children die? asks Apex Court

New Delhi, Jan. 14 (Agencies)- The Supreme Court on Tuesday made sharp oral observations while hearing a case on stray dog attacks, questioning who should be held accountable when children and elderly citizens are killed or injured by stray dogs on public streets.

Referring to the death of a nine-year-old child, the Bench asked, "Who should be made responsible when a nine-year-old child is killed by stray dogs which are being fed by dog lovers' organisations?" It further questioned whether the court should "shut its eyes and let things happen."

The Court remarked that "emotions seem to be there only for the dogs," while attacks on humans often fail to evoke the same urgency. Indicating that it was considering laying down a strict framework, the Bench said accountability would be clearly fixed.

"We are going to say that heavy compensation will have to be paid by the State for cases of dog bite deaths and injuries," the Court said, adding that liability would also be fixed on dog lovers and organisations representing them.

'Feed them at home'

The Bench observed that those wishing to feed or care for dogs should do so within their own premises. "Or else keep them in your own compound, your own house, feed them in your own house. Why should they be allowed to roam around and create a nuisance?" it said.

The Supreme Court also warned that it would raise "serious questions" when hearing both the Centre and State Governments on the issue.

It recalled that during the previous hearing, it had declined to watch videos purportedly showing cruelty towards dogs, noting that there are also videos of dogs attacking children and the elderly.

Sankranti Shopping RUSH

Festival of Harvest to be celebrated tomorrow

Mysuru, Jan. 14 (GA&VNS)- With Sankranti, the Festival of Harvest, being celebrated tomorrow (Jan. 15), markets and shops in the city have been flooded with the *yellu-bella* (sesame-jaggery), sugarcane stalks, puja items, flowers and other items.

People have been thronging Devaraja Market, Vani Vilas Market and other markets across the city to make purchases for festival.

This year, the farmers have brought sugarcane not only from surrounding villages of Mysuru but from Mandya and neighbouring Tamil Nadu as well. While the prices of commodities varied from place to place in city, each sugarcane stalk was sold at Rs. 50 to Rs. 60 on an average.

The prices of *Hurigadale* (Roasted Bengal Gram) was Rs. 120 per kg, jaggery pieces (Rs. 120 per kg), Ground Nut (Rs. 160 per kg), Copra pieces (Rs. 300 per kg), White Sesame (Rs. 300 per kg) and *Sakkare Acchu* (molded sugar candy) was sold between Rs. 100 to Rs. 150 per kg. *Yellu-bella* (a mixture of jaggery, copra, roasted gram and peanuts) was sold at Rs. 180 per kg.

However, there were no major changes in the prices of vegetables in the markets. Yelakki Banana, one of the popular Banana variety in this part of the region, was sold between Rs. 25 and Rs. 150 per kg depending on the variety and size.

Meanwhile, the prices of the flowers have increased when compared to normal days with Chrysanthemum string sold at Rs. 50 per meter and *Mysuru Mallige* (Jasmine) buds costing Rs. 2,000 per kg.

With authorities imposing strict ban on use of plastic covers, people were seen purchasing small and medium size plastic boxes to distribute mixture of *yellu-bella* among friends and relatives.

People from nearby town and villages were seen purchasing flowers and sugarcane stalks in the markets and at the main junctions including Agrahara Circle, Dhanvantri Road, V.V. Mohalla and other locations across the city. Women were also seen purchasing new sarees and bangles for festival celebrations.

The traditional 'Kicchu Haisuvudu' ritual which involves making cattle leap over fire will be held across the city and in rural areas tomorrow. The cattle will be smeared with turmeric, which is rich in antimicrobial properties, before being guided to leap of the fire. The tradition is followed with a belief that it will ward off evil and bring good luck.

Lord Yama rides scooter...

A man dressed as God of Death Yama, took part in the Road Safety Month programme, organised by Gandada Gudi Foundation and Devaraja Traffic Police, near City Bus Stand this morning. Lord Yama urged helmetless riders to wear helmets to avoid death during road accidents by giving a rose besides extending Sankranti greeting by giving 'yellu-bella.' Devaraja Traffic Inspector Mamata, actor Siddu Mulimani, Foundation President Aryan, Manohar Gowda, Meghana Raj and others were present.

Musical evening

Mysuru, Jan. 14- Five personalities from different fields will be conferred 'Bhoomigiri Narayanappa' award during 'Sankranti Sambhrama' musical evening organised as part of Sankranti festival by Bhoomigiri Narayanappa Pratishtana and Gananandana at Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha on JLB Road in city from 4.30 pm tomorrow (Jan.15).

The award will be conferred on actor Bala Rajwadi, social worker Raghuram Vajpayee, Sri Rajeshwari Vastralankara Proprietor B.M. Ramachandra and Journalists Dharmapura Narayan and Ravi Pandavapura. Also, MCCI President K.B. Lingaraju, MMC&RI Psychiatry Department Head Dr. B.N. Raveesh and Young Mountaineer Suryakrishna will be felicitated on the occasion.

Kannada and Culture Department Joint Director V.N. Mallikarjunaswamy will inaugurate the stage programme at 6.30 pm, while Karnataka Sugama Sangeetha Parishat District President Dr. Nagaraj V. Bairy will preside. The stage programme will be followed by musical evening. [Mob: 98451-56788]

Convention to mark Mayawati's birthday

Mayawati

Mysuru, Jan. 14 (GA&VNS)- Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP), Karnataka, will be organising Spoorthi Prerana Convention on Jan. 15 at Jaganmohan Palace auditorium on the occasion of BSP National President Mayawati's nation-wide birthday celebrations, said BSP State President M. Krishnamurthy.

Addressing mediapersons at Pathrakarthara Bhavan here yesterday, Krishnamurthy said that the event will be inaugurated by former Rajya Sabha MP and BSP National Co-ordinator Rajaram at 10.30 am.

"Party workers from Mysuru, Chamarajanagar, Mandya and others districts will take part in the Convention," he said and added that the party had not collected donations to organise the event but had collected funds from the party works.

Taking a dig at the Congress State Government, Krishnamurthy questioned whether CM Siddaramaiah's record was truly appreciated by public adding that the State Government had completely neglected the development of the State giving emphasis to Guarantee Schemes.

"The State Government has been cheating minorities and Dalits by misusing the funds reserved for SC/ST development. There is severe dearth of teachers in various Universities across the State. Many Government Schools are being closed. The State Government should take immediate measures to appoint teachers and also fill-up three lakh backlog vacancies including doctors in Government Hospitals," he added.

Pariksha Samaya-2026: Radio series live phone-in from Jan. 16 to Feb. 20

Mysuru, Jan. 14- With the objective of supporting SSLC students of the 2026 batch in their pre-examination preparation and effective exam-writing strategies, JSS Radio 91.2 FM Community Radio Station, in collaboration with the Department of Public Instruction, Mysuru District, is organising a radio series titled 'Pariksha Samaya.'

As part of this initiative, a live phone-in radio programme will be conducted on six subjects from Jan. 16 to Feb. 20, every Friday from 11.30 am to 12.30 pm. Expert resource persons will participate in the programme and provide guidance to students to help them achieve successful results in the SSLC examinations.

The programme is designed to benefit slow learners, average learners and high-achieving students alike. Students who have doubts, difficulties or specific questions related to their studies or examination preparation can directly interact with experts and receive valuable guidance by calling during the live programme.

For live phone-in, contact Mob: 82967-25912 or Ph: 0821-2546563.

Listeners can tune in to JSS Radio 91.2 FM through the mobile app available on the Google Play Store. The live programme will also be streamed simultaneously on the JSS Radio YouTube channel.

NEWS BRIEFS

Power disruption

As Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited (KPTCL) has taken up its emergency maintenance works at IP Feeders coming under Nanjangud and T. Narasipur Taluk Power Distribution Centres, there will be intermittent disruption in power supply from Jan. 14 to Feb. 28 between 10 am and 6 pm, according to Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation Executive Engineer, Nanjangud Division.

Aadhaar Seva Kendra closed

On the occasion of Makara Sankranti, Aadhaar Seva Kendra on Seetha Vilas Road in Chamaraja Mohalla, Mysuru, will remain closed on Jan. 15, according to a press release from Aadhaar Seva Kendra Manager Col. N.G. Krishna Prasad (retd.).

Training in tailoring

Sevayana Trust, located in 2nd Phase, Vijayanagar 4th Stage in city, has organised a 3-month skill training programme for women, in tailoring, aari work (embroidery) and zardosi works. Training programme is open to women with no specific educational requirement and priority will be given for first applicants. Last date for applying is Jan. 18. For details call Mob: 99459-59002 or 95139-84848.

Story-telling

Suma Nagendra

As part of 'Kathe Kelona Banni-915,' Kalasuruchi has organised story-telling by M. Suma Nagendra, Kannada Lecturer, Gopalaswamy PU College, Mysuru, at Suruchi Rangamane, Kuvempunagar, in city on Jan. 17 between 4.30 pm and 5.30 pm.

Ph.D awardees

V.K. Sheetal has been awarded Ph.D in Zoology by the University of Mysore (UoM) for her thesis 'Meliponiculture Practices: Floral Source, Stingless Bee Honey Quality and Honey Influence on Few Biochemical Parameters in Rat' [Guide: Dr. S. Basavarajappa]

Nusrath Fathima has been awarded Ph.D in Management Science by the UoM for her thesis 'Consumer Attitude Towards Native Advertising - A Case Study of Millenials in Bangalore City' [Guide: Prof. Aisha M. Sheriff].

Works worth Rs. 25 crore on at Chamundeshwari: GTD

Mysuru, Jan. 14 (MTY&BS)- Chamundeshwari MLA G.T. Devegowda (GTD) said he has been working tirelessly for the comprehensive development of the Chamundeshwari Assembly Constituency during Siddaramaiah's tenure as Chief Minister.

He was speaking after laying the foundation stone for development works at the lake in Mullur village of the Constituency.

Following the implementation of the Government's Five Guarantee Schemes, several development works had taken a backseat. With Rs. 25 crore sanctioned under the MLA Local Area Development (MLALAD) funds, these projects will now be taken up, he added.

Chamundeshwari MLA G.T. Devegowda, MLC Dr. Yathindra Siddaramaiah and former ZP President K. Marigowda launching development works at Mullur village in Mysuru.

"Several areas in Chamundeshwari face persistent problems. A list of such issues is being prepared on the instructions of the CM, who has assured special grants. I will undertake all development works in Mullur village without any distinction on party lines," GTD said.

He also appreciated the swift decision taken by CM when he and MLC Dr. Yathindra Siddaramaiah urged the upgradation of Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) to Greater MCC.

Dr. Yathindra added that CM Siddaramaiah has sanctioned Rs. 2 crore from the Minor Irrigation Department for the development of the lake in Mullur village.

Funds will also be allocated for the development of Raja Kaluve, reflecting the CM's special focus on Chamundeshwari Constituency. Apart from constituency-related projects, the CM has assured that the personal demands of leaders will also be considered. Above all, he promised special grants for the overall development of Chamundeshwari segment, Dr. Yathindra said.

Special Officer to CM K.N. Vijay, former ZP President K. Marigowda, former ZP members Arun Kumar and Rakesh Papanna, former Taluk Panchayat member G.K. Basavanna, MYMUL Director B. Guruswamy and Gram Panchayat President Ramalingachari were present.

Row over 10-acre land under Hinkal Survey No.155

Heirs refute claims, clarify BJP leader not linked to land

Mysuru, Jan. 14 (GA&DM)- Responding to the controversy over ownership of 10 acres of land under Hinkal Survey No.155 along Kalidasa Road in Jayalakshmipuram, the children of the original owner, Ramaiah, have said that BJP leader Dr. Shushrutha Gowda has no stake in the property.

Addressing a press meet at Patrakarthara Bhavan yesterday, Suresh and R. Mahadev, Ramaiah's sons, said that although Dr. Shushrutha had close relationship with their family, he was not connected to the land.

The brothers stated that Dr. Shushrutha had proposed an agreement to construct a full-fledged hospital on the land, but the deal did not materialise as the matter was under litigation.

They denied claims that the land belonged to Kuvempu Vidyavardhaka Trust, asserting that it has always been their family property and they are Dalits.

Vested interests spreading false claims

"It is incorrect for certain groups or individuals to spread false propaganda regarding the ownership of this land. On Feb. 3, 1963, the then Tahsildar sanctioned the 10 acres under Hinkal Survey No.155 to our father Ramaiah, who was a Dalit. The RTC is in our father's name, and the land sketch clearly identifies him as the owner," they said.

"After the land came under the jurisdiction of the MCC, we obtained the Khata and have been paying taxes regularly. Following our father's death in 2000, we, as rightful heirs, continued the payments. Later, we applied for a 'Pauthi Khata,' which MCC authorities approved after thorough scrutiny of our documents. As Ramaiah's children, we are now the lawful owners, and all records are in order," they said.

Matter before Court

The brothers alleged that certain vested interests are spreading false claims to stake a claim on the land. They added that, under pressure from these parties, the MCC temporarily suspended the 'Pauthi Khata', and the matter is now before the Court, which is yet to deliver its final ruling. They warned that they may file contempt of court proceedings against those spreading rumours and misinformation.

Mysuru Kannada Vedike President Balakrishna, who also spoke at the press meet, said that Dr. Shushrutha Gowda had offered to build a hospital on the land to benefit the Dalit community. "Some elements who are unaware of the facts are making baseless allegations," he said. Others present at the press meet included Ravishankar, Purushottam, and several community leaders.

Remarks on Ballari violence

Krishnaraja MLA files plaint against KPCC Spokesperson

BJP MLA T.S. Srivatsa submitting the complaint to State DG&IGP Dr. M.A. Saleem at his office in Bengaluru. The MLA was accompanied by (from left) BJP Media Pramukh Prakash, MLC Keshavaprasad and former MLC Siddaraju.

Mysuru, Jan. 14 (PM&DM)- Accusing KPCC Spokesperson M. Lakshmana of making baseless allegations against Union Home Minister Amit Shah in connection with the recent Ballari violence, Krishnaraja BJP MLA T.S. Srivatsa lodged a complaint with State DG & IGP Dr. M.A. Saleem in Bengaluru on Tuesday, seeking legal action against Lakshmana.

In the complaint, Srivatsa said that while addressing a press meet in Mysuru on Jan. 8, Lakshmana had unnecessarily involved Union Home Minister Amit Shah with malicious intent, alleging that he had incited the Ballari violence through another Union Minister, V. Somanna.

"During the press meet, Lakshmana demanded a narco analysis test on V. Somanna and alleged that the Ballari violence erupted only after Shah's message reached Ballari BJP leaders B. Sriramulu and G. Janardhan Reddy through Somanna.

These charges were made without any basis or evidence and with malafide intent. Such false allegations against Union Ministers are a matter of public concern and can lead to social tensions and discord.

The Police should initiate legal action against Lakshmana for creating fear and disturbance in society by intentionally making baseless statements against responsible Union Ministers," the complaint said.

Srivatsa was accompanied by MLC Keshavaprasad, former MLC Siddaraju, and BJP media convenor Prakash.

6-day Suttur Jathra from tomorrow

Mahotsava to be held in Suttur Srikshetra from Jan. 15 to 20

Mysuru, Jan. 14 (VNS)- Suttur Srikshetra, located on the banks of River Kapila, in Nanjangud taluk, Mysuru district, has geared up for the six-day Adi Jagadguru Sri Shivarathreeshwara Shivayogi Jathra Mahotsava scheduled to be held from Jan. 15 to 20.

As part of the mega event, Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji this morning performed puja at Karthru Gaddige (Gadduge), a sacred site located in Suttur Srikshetra, which is the final resting place of Suttur Mutt Founder Adi Jagadguru Sri Shivarathreeshwara Shivayogi Mahaswamiji.

The Seer also performed 'Dasoha Puja' at the Master Kitchen in Suttur. This puja is a traditional ritual to bless the massive food preparations that serve thousands of devotees and visitors during the religious festival. Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar will inaugurate the mass marriage ceremony on Jan. 16 at 10 am.

Transport and Muzrai Minister Ramalinga Reddy will preside.

Rathotsava and Spiritual Meet will be held on Jan.17; Mahadeshwara Kondotsava and Lakshadeepotsava on Jan. 18; Theppotsava and Kapila Arathi on Jan. 19 and Annabrahmotsava on Jan. 20. That apart, several other religious and cultural programmes, academic and sports activities have been organised during the 6-day event.

On Jan. 16, 32nd State-level Bhajana Mela, indigenous games, rangoli, sobane pada and finger millet grinding competitions have been organised.

On Jan. 17, drawing, kite flying and cattle fair will be inaugurated.

Other events including art expo, traditional wrestling contest, health check-up camp, mallakambha display, desi games, cultural mela, quiz competition and agriculture fair and seminar.

Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji performing puja at Karthru Gaddige (Gadduge), a sacred site located in Suttur Srikshetra, Nanjangud, this morning. Picture right shows the Seer performing 'Dasoha Puja' at the Master Kitchen in the presence of Junior Pontiff Sri Jayarajendra Swamiji and others. [Pics by Vatal Anand]

SUTTUR JATHRA EVENTS

TODAY (JANUARY 14)

- **At Hiriyara Mane premises — 10 pm:** 'Gadhayuddha' by Sri Basaveshwara Kala Sangha, Gejjaganahalli, Nanjangud taluk.
- **In front of Mangala Mantapa — 10 pm:** 'Kurukshetra or Srikrishna Sandhana' by Natyarani Shanthala Mahila Kala Vedike, Kumbarakoppal, Mysuru
- **Adjacent to School — 10 pm:** 'Raktharathri' by Sri Mylaralingeshwara Samskruthika Kala Trust, Sovenahalli, Hoovinahadagali taluk.

TOMORROW (JANUARY 15)

PUJA-PROCESSIONS

- **At Karthru Gaddige (Gadduge) — 4 am:** Anujne, Mahasankalpapurvaka Maharudrabhisheka; **6.30 am:** Megalapura-Madhavagere - Friendship-Cordiality-Peace March; **7.30 am:** Shatsthala Flag Hoisting - Sri Siddhabasava Swamiji, Junior Pontiff, Sri Hosmutt, Mysuru; Message - Sri Rudramahantha Swamiji, Junior Pontiff, Sri Rasasiddheshwara Mutt, Kunduru Betta, Malavalli taluk; Special Puja at the temples of Suttur; **7 pm:** Agrodaka, Punyaha, Nandi and Kalasha Sthaapane.
- **At Sri Mutt — 5 am:** Abhisheka & Mahamangalarathi to the deity of Adi Jagadguru Sri Shivarathreeshwara Shivayogi Mahaswamiji; **3.15 pm:** Procession of Sri Adi Jagadguru deity from Sri Mutt to Karthru Gadduge.

INAUGURATION

- **4 pm:** Inauguration of Exhibition by Dr. G. Parameshwar, Home Minister; Inauguration of Agricultural Fair by Shivanand S. Patil, Minister for Textiles, Sugarcane Development, Sugar and Agricultural Marketing; Inauguration of Cultural Fair by Sharanabasappa Darshanapura, Minister for Small Scale Industries and Public Enterprises; Inauguration of Health Check-up Camp by Lakshmi R. Hebbalkar, Minister for Women and Child Development, Disabled and Senior Citizens' Empowerment; Inauguration of Boating by Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar, Mysuru-Kodagu MP; H.K. Suresh, MLA, Belur, S. Manjunath, MLA, Sakaleshapur, H.D. Thammaiah, MLA, Chikkamagalur, K.R. Jyothilal, Addl. Chief Secretary, Kerala Government, S.V. Balasubrahmanyam, Chairman, Bannari Amman Sugars, Coimbatore, K.R. Nandini, CEO, ZP, Mandya and S. Ukesh Kumar, CEO, ZP, Mysuru, chief guests; Sri Shivabasava Swamiji of Sri Gachchinamutt, Athani and Sri Niranjanananda Puri Mahaswamiji of Sri Kanakagurupeetha, Kaginele, will grace the occasion; Jagadish S. Shettar, MP and former Chief Minister, presides.

CULTURAL PROGRAMMES

- **At Gadduge premises — 7 am:** Nadaswara; **8 am:** Bhakti Geete and Vachana Gayana by Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Ganakala Vrunda, Roopanagar, Mysuru; **9 am:** Bharatanatyam by Kalasaraswathi Natya Samsthe, Chamarajanagar; **10 am:** Janapada Gayana by Kunigal T. Ramachandra and Troupe, Madikehalli, Kunigal taluk; **11 am:** Shiva Tandava Dance by Sri Sharada Cultural and Charitable Trust, T. Narasipur; **12 noon:** Sugama Sangeetha by D.S. Yashwanth Kumar and Troupe, Devalapura, Mysuru taluk; **1 pm:** Bharatanatyam by Sri Durga Dance Academy Charitable Trust, Vidyaranyapuram, Mysuru; **2 pm:** Vachana Gayana by Kadali Mahila Vedike, Sheshadripuram, Bengaluru; **3 pm:** Sugama Sangeetha by R.M. Sumanth Vasista and Troupe, Ramakrishnanagar, Mysuru; **7 pm:** Bharatanatyam by Vidu. Sandya Udupa and Troupe, Udupa Foundation, Thyagarajanagar, Bengaluru.

TOMORROW (JANUARY 15)

- **At Exhibition premises — 7 pm:** Moodalapaya Yakshagana 'Karnarjuna Yuddha' by Sri Gurumahantheshwara English Medium School, S. Hosakote.
- **At Gadduge premises — 8 pm:** Sugama Sangeetha by Sri Kumareshwara Education Institution Trust, Herohalli, Bengaluru; **9 pm:** Bhakthi Sangeetha by Vidu. Indrani Ananthram, Srirampura, Mysuru.

DRAMAS

- **Hiriyara Mane premises — 10 pm:** 'Baktha Prahlada' by Sri Mahalingeshwara Krupaposhitha Nataka Mandali, Bhugathagalli, Mysuru taluk.
- **In front of Mangala Mantapa — 10 pm:** 'Dakshayagna' by Sri Ankanatheshwara Krupaposhita Nataka Mandali, Kirugavalu, Malavalli taluk.
- **Adjacent to School — 10 pm:** 'Srikrishna Vijaya' by Sri Basaveshwara Mahila Samskruthika Kala Mandali, Kengeri, Bengaluru.
- **Behind Guest House — 10 pm:** 'Tarakasura Vadhe or Girija Kalyana' by Sri Chamundeshwari Krupaposhita Nataka Mandali, Gowrishankaranagar, Mysuru.

SPECIAL PROGRAMMES

- **Daily from 10 am to 9 pm —** • Exhibition of handloom, textiles, handicrafts, home-made products, industrial products, household items, books, art works and exhibition of educational models made by JSS High School students; • Sale of products produced by various institutions, Co-operative Societies, Self-Help Groups, Sthree Shakthi Sanghas and cottage industries; • Health, Medical & Science Exhibition.
- **Daily from 10 am to 7.30 pm — Krishi Mela:** • Exhibition of native crops and indigeneous livestock of Mysuru; • Demonstration of improved single and pulse crops, variety greens, vegetables and salad crops; • Demonstration of sugarcane inter-cropping and drip / sprinkler irrigation; • Demonstration of crops like Balliloka, grafted tomato, brinjal, drumstick, papaya fruits, chakramuni, lemongrass; • Variety flowers show; • One acre 'Agricultural Universe'; • Demonstration of silk and precision farming; • Demonstration of biochar and organic tools; • Exhibition and sale of agricultural machinery; • Government and private agricultural stalls.
- **Health Check-Up** by specialists from JSS Hospital & free distribution of essential medicines.

NOTE: BUS FACILITIES: KSRTC will be operating special buses to Suttur Srikshetra from various taluks and district headquarters.

For details, contact Suttur Srikshetra, Nanjangud - **Ph: 08221-232223 or 232224;** Information Centre: **Mob: 88969-64242;** JSS Mahavidyapeetha, Mysuru - **Ph: 0821-2548212-16.**

LIVE-STREAMING: ***https://www.youtube.com/@jssmahavidyapeethaonline***

Bahuroopi at a glance

Artistes of Badungduppa Kalakendra, Assam, staging the play 'Dadan Raja (Rabha)' at Vanaranga in Rangayana premises as part of 25th Bahuroopi National Theatre Festival in city last evening. The play, written by Madan Rabha, was directed by Dhananjay Rabha.

Folk artistes from Tamil Nadu performing Poikkaal Kuthirai Aattam (False-Legged Horse Dance) at Kindarijogi premises in Kalamandira as part of Bahuroopi Janapada Utsava yesterday.

WOMEN'S PREMIER LEAGUE

TODAY'S MATCH (JAN. 14)

UPW Vs **DC**
Venue : Dr. D.Y. Patil Sports Academy, Navi Mumbai
Time : 7.30 pm

TOMORROW'S MATCH (JAN. 15)

MI Vs **UPW**
Venue : Dr. D.Y. Patil Sports Academy, Navi Mumbai
Time : 7.30 pm

YESTERDAY'S RESULT

GG 192/5 (20 overs)
LOST TO
MI 193/3 (19.2 overs)

Live action on: **JioHotstar & Star Sports Network**

Multilingual actor Prakash Raj seen interacting with school children at Kalamandira yesterday as his wife Pony Verma and son Vedhanth look on. Later, Prakash Raj, along with his family, watched the Kannada play 'Roopantara' staged by students of Kaliyuva Mane, Mysuru, as part of Children's Bahuroopi. The play was designed and directed by Rajesh Madhavan.

Photo Exhibition on Baba Saheb at Bahuroopi.

Bahuroopi Baba Saheb

25th National Theatre Festival at Rangayana

EVENTS TODAY (JAN. 14)

CHILDREN'S BAHUROOPI at Kalamandira

7 pm : Staging of play 'Surya Chandra' (Kannada); 60 mins; Playwright: Dr. Kota Shivarama Karantha; Direction: Rohith S. Baikadi; Troupe: Dhamani, Tekkatte.

PLAY at Bhoomigeeta

6.30 pm : Staging of play 'Pi Thadoi' (Manipuri); 90 minutes; Playwright and Direction: Heisnam Tomba Singh; Troupe: Kalakshetra, Manipur.

PLAY at Vanaranga

7 pm : Staging of play 'Same Same But Different' (English, Hindi); 90 minutes; Playwright and Direction: Sapan Saran; Troupe: Thamaasha Theatre, Goregaon West, Mumbai.

PLAY at Mini Theatre

7 pm : Staging of play 'Bellada Doni' (Kannada); 75 minutes; Playwright: Hanuru Channappa; Direction: Rubin Sanjay; Troupe: Rangavahini, Chamarajanagar.

EVENTS TOMORROW (JAN. 15)

FILM FESTIVAL at Sriranga Auditorium

10 am : Screening of 'Inside the Last tribe of Bihar' (Hindi); 38 minutes; Director: Sonal Pateria.

12 noon : Screening of 'Jai Bhim Comrade 3' (Hindi - 2011); 60 minutes; Director: Anand Patwardhan.

2 pm : Screening of 'Pariyerum Perumal BA. BL' (Tamil - 2008); 152 minutes; Director: Mari Selvaraj.

CHILDREN'S BAHUROOPI at Kalamandira

11 am & 7 pm : Staging of play 'Tara's Trio' (English, Hindi); 80 minutes; Playwright: Asif Ali Beg; Direction: Koustav Sinha; Troupe: Collective Madness Studio, Mumbai.

PLAY at Bhoomigeeta

6.30 pm : Staging of play 'Medea' (Kannada); 115 minutes; Playwright: Euripides; Translation: Madhava Chippali; Direction: Manju Kodagu; Troupe: Neenasam, Heggodu.

PLAY at Vanaranga

7 pm : Staging of play 'The Fire' (Tulu); 105 minutes; Playwright: Edward Galiano; Direction: Santhosh Nayak Patla; Troupe: Bhoomigeetha Samskrutika Vedike, Patla.

PLAY at Mini Theatre

7 pm : Staging of play 'Eedi' (Kannada); 90 minutes; Original (Hindi): Sameera Suryakant Penkar; Tulu Translation: Latesh Poojari; Kannada Translation: Jayashree Idkidu; Concept & Direction: Viddu Ucchil; Troupe: Sumanasa Kodavooru, Udupi.

DAILY Feature

- **Folk Performances at Kindarijogi premises**
- **Books Exhibition**
- **Handicrafts Exhibition & Demonstration**
- **Desi Food Festival**
- **Painting Exhibition**
- **University of Mysore's Prasaranga's stall to sell books published by Prasaranga at a special discount price.**

SINGLE SCREEN THEATRES

- **Sangam Theatre** — **Ph: 2520494**
  Mark (K) - 5 Shows
- **Padma Theatre** — **Ph: 2521923**
  Parasakthi (Ta) - *4 Shows*
- **Woodlands Theatre** — **Ph: 2422871**
  45 (K) - 3 Shows
- **Mahadeshwara Theatre** — **Mob: 99008-20093**
  45 (K) - 4 Shows
- **Gayathri Theatre** — **Ph: 2443568**
  The Raja Saab (Te) - 4 Shows
- **Prabha Theatre** — **Mob: 98454-14691**
  The Raja Saab (H) - 4 Shows
- **Lido Theatre** — **Ph: 2420885**
  The Devil (K) - 4 Shows
- **Rajkamal Theatre** — **Ph: 2423554**
  Dhurandhar (H) - 4 Shows
- **Balaji Theatre** — **Mob: 98863-25207**
  Tere Ishk Mein (H) - 3 Shows

MOVIES AT DRC CINEMAS Ph: 4240422 4241800

Dhurandhar (H)	(S-1)	12 noon
	(S-2)	10.15 am, 6.05 pm
The Raja Saab (Te)	(S-1)	4.05 pm, 8.15 pm
	(S-4)	11.15 am, 3 pm
		6.40 pm, 10.25 pm
Avatar: Fire and Ash (E-3D)	(S-2)	2.15 pm
Mark (K)	(S-2)	10.10 pm
	(S-3)	1.30 pm, 7.25 pm
Sarvam Maya (Ma)	(S-3)	10.30 am, 10.20 pm
45 (K)	(S-3)	4.25 pm

MOVIES AT MYSURU VISION CINEMAS Ph: 2973519

The Raja Saab (Te)	:	11 am, 1.15 pm
		4.50 pm, 6 pm
		9.35 pm
The Raja Saab (K)	:	12.35 pm, 4.10 pm
		8.30 pm
Mark (K)	:	1 pm
Dhurandhar (H)	:	4 pm, 8 pm
Avatar: Fire and Ash (K-3D)	:	7.45 pm

MOVIES AT NEXUS MALL

The Raja Saab (Te)	:	9.15 am, 10.15 am, 11.15 am
		1 pm, 2 pm, 3 pm
		4.45 pm, 5.45 pm, 6.45 pm
		8.30 pm, 9.30 pm, 10.30 pm
The Raja Saab (H)	:	10.50 am, 2.30 pm
		6.30 pm, 10.15 pm
The Raja Saab (K)	:	6.15 pm
45 (K)	:	11.15 am
Mark (K)	:	11.20 am, 6.35 pm
Dhurandhar (H)	:	2.25 pm
Avatar: Fire and Ash (E-3D)	:	2.35 pm
Sarvam Maya (Ma)	:	9.45 pm
Laalo - Krishna Sada Sahaayate (H)	:	10 pm

MOVIES AT GARUDA MALL

The Raja Saab (Te)	:	9.45 am, 10.30 am
		11.15 am, 1.30 pm
		2.15 pm, 3 pm
		5.15 pm, 6 pm
		6.45 pm, 9 pm
		9.45 pm, 10.30 pm
The Raja Saab (H)	:	11.40 am, 6.30 pm
Mark (K)	:	3.25 pm
Dhurandhar (H)	:	10.15 pm

EVENTS TODAY (JAN. 14)

- **National Handloom Development Corporation Limited (NHDC):** 'Silk Fab,' a Handloom and Silk Saree Exhibition-cum-Sale, JSS Mysore Urban Haat, Hebbal Industrial Area, Ring Road, **up to 9 pm.**
- **Sadhana Mandira:** Special training sessions to perform simple and diligent Saraswati Puja by Swami Hamsananda, Sri Venkateshwara Devasthanam, Siddartha Layout, **4 pm to 4.45 pm;** Balamuri Vinayaka Devasthanam, Siddartha Layout, **5.15 pm to 6 pm;** Geetha Shishu Shikshana Sangha (GSSS), T. Narasipur Road, Siddartha Layout, **6.30 pm to 7.15 pm.**
- **Sri Lakshminarasimhaswamy Temple of Melukote Yadugiri Yatiraj Mutt, Mysuru Branch:** Dhanurmasa Puja, Temple premises, Jayalakshmipuram, **5.30 pm to 7.30 pm.**
- **Chamundi Hill Temple:** 'Kotharotsava Vaibhava' Sangeetotsava, Goshti Gayana by junior and senior artistes of Mysuru, Chamundi Hill Temple premises, **6 pm to 9 pm.**
- **Sabarimala Sree Ayyappa Pooja Samithi:** Makara Vilakku, 'Laksha Deepotsava,' light music programme, **5 pm;** Dr. Sri Mummadi Chandrashekhara Shivacharya Mahaswamiji of Sri Aramane Japadakatte Mutt, Fort Mohalla, Mysuru, inaugurates 'Laksha Deepotsava,' Mysuru-Kodagu MP and titular head of Mysore Royal Family Yaduveer Wadiyar, MLAs T.S. Srivatsa, G.T. Devegowda and K. Harishgowda chief guests, Sree Ayyappa Swamy and Sree Guruvayurappan Temple, foot of Chamundi Hill, **6.20 pm.**

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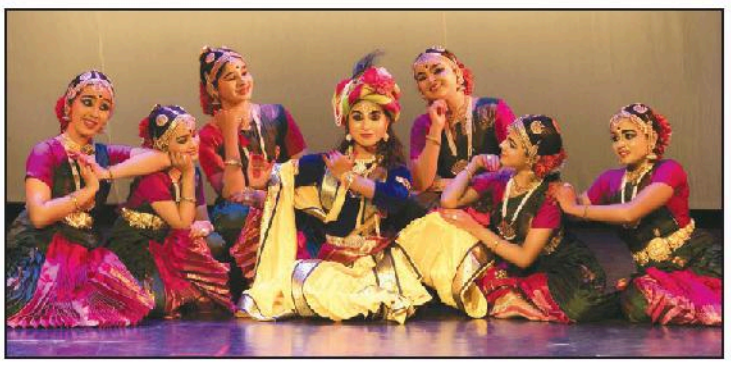

Jan. 14: 'Kala Saptami,' weekly cultural programme, Bharatanatyam and Mohiniyattam by the disciples of Divya Prashant, Founder-Director, Noopura Nrithyalaya — Lishitha M. Gowda, Sahaana, V. Vinisha, K. Manya, C.T. Aarushi, Dimpal Adya, Ipsita, N. Thejaswini, B.S. Mahonnathi, K. Manoghna, Prisha Prashant, K. Sudiksha, K. Dikshitha, Aadhya Ananda Urs, Dhruvika R. Achar, A. Sonu, S. Gehana, M.D. Thaniya, V. Sahana, Nysa, A.S. Durgashree, Sahana Prashanth, Poornima Dabekar and Nishitha Vinay — Jagannatha Centre for Art and Culture, Vijayanagar, **6 pm to 8 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (JAN. 15)

- **Sri Lakshminarasimhaswamy Temple of Melukote Yadugiri Yatiraj Mutt, Mysuru Branch:** Dhanurmasa Puja, Temple premises, Jayalakshmipuram, **5.30 am to 10 am and 5.30 pm to 7.30 pm.**
- **National Handloom Development Corporation Limited (NHDC):** 'Silk Fab,' a Handloom and Silk Saree Exhibition-cum-Sale, JSS Mysore Urban Haat, Hebbal Industrial Area, Ring Road, **10 am to 9 pm.**
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- **Sri Ramakrishna Ashram:** Swami Jnanayoganandaji speaks on 'Srimad Bhagavad Gita' in Kannada, Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm to 6.50 pm.**

MOVIES AT MALL OF MYSORE

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		3 pm, 4.45 pm, 5.45 pm, 6.45 pm
		9.30 pm, 10.30 pm
The Raja Saab (H)	:	1 pm, 8.30 pm
The Raja Saab (K)	:	3.25 pm
Mark (K)	:	12.20 pm, 7.10 pm
Dhurandhar (H)	:	10.15 pm

MOVIES AT CENTRO MALL

The Raja Saab (Te)	:	9.45 am, 10.30 am, 11.15 am, 1.30 pm
		3 pm, 5.15 pm, 6 pm, 6.45 pm
		9 pm, 10 pm ,10.30 pm
The Raja Saab (K)	:	10.20 am
The Raja Saab (H)	:	2.15 pm, 9.45 pm
Dhurandhar (H)	:	2.05 pm
Teertharoopa Tandeyavarige (K)	:	6.45 pm

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Intl. Award for Dr. Kumar

Dr. K. Kumar

Mysuru, Jan. 14- Sasvatam organisation of London, United Kingdom (UK), will be conferring 'International Sasvatam Extraordinary Lifetime Service Achievement Award' on *Karnataka Kalashree* Dr. K. Kumar of Kumar Performing Arts Centre (KPAC), Mysuru, in recognition of his over four decades of profound and selfless service to the field of Bharatanatyam.

The award will be presented at Sasvatam's Worldwide Classical Dance Festival to be held on Jan. 17 at Prabodhan Thackeray Natyamandir, Borivali, Mumbai.

During the occasion, Dr. Kumar will present a duet Bharatanatyam performance with his daughter, *Nritya Visharadhe* K.M. Nidhi.

Discourses at RK Ashram

Mysuru, Jan. 14- The following discourses have been organised at Sri Ramakrishna (RK) Ashram in Yadavagiri here from 6 pm to 6.50 pm:

Jan. 15: Swami Jnanayoganandaji will speak on 'Srimad Bhagavad Gita' in Kannada.

Jan. 17: Swami Paramahamsanandaji will speak on 'Disciples and devotees of Sri Ramakrishna' in English.

Jan. 18: Swami Jnanayoganandaji will talk on 'Sri Ramakrishna Vachanaveda' in Kannada.

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